

Activities in Local Sports Have Been Suspended During the Holidays

ATHLETICS PRACTICALLY AT END UNTIL AFTER HOLIDAY SEASON

Last Foot Ball Game of Year to Be Played Today—New Year Will Find Renewed Activity in All Branches of Sport.

BY H. C. BYRD.

Practically all athletic activities in Washington cease for the next week or so with the foot ball game to be played this afternoon between the Vigilants and an all-star team, the latter under the direction of "Country" Morris. With the exception of the rounds to be rolled in two or three tournaments being conducted by some of the bowling alleys and some games there will be a dearth of attractions for followers of sports.

Immediately after the beginning of January, though, there will open perhaps the busiest indoor season Washington has ever known. Basketball and bowling will get in full swing, the athletic competitions at the Terminal "Y" and Central "Y" will start again, and track and field sports, in which little has been done so far, will begin in earnest. The best basketball schedules in the history of the sport here, considering the independent leagues, the Scholastic League and the colleges, will be played through.

There are to be two sets of indoor track and field games at Convention Hall, one to be held under the auspices of George Washington and the other under the direction of George Washington. Besides the usual schedules in the bowling leagues, two intercity matches have been arranged and the bowling season will run until April, to be ended then with a grand flourish in the nature of one of the biggest tournaments ever held.

For the next few days Washington followers of sports must content themselves with very little practical activity, but after the fast—the feast.

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OFF THE "ROUGH STUFF."—By Ripley.



CARPENTIER WILL QUIT THE RING AFTER WAR

PARIS, December 25.—Georges Carpentier, the famous French heavyweight, is going to retire from the ring. The boxing idol of France announced to friends today that he would take up aviation immediately after the war.

The great fighter started to learn flying in the air shortly after the war broke out. Since then he has performed wonderful feats. Only a few weeks ago he was decorated with the military cross for special work of valor.

The retirement of Carpentier will be a big loss to the ring. He was rapidly reaching the top of the ladder in the pugilistic world when the war started. In fact, he was all but matched to fight Jack Johnson for the world title.

Only a week ago an offer was made to Carpentier to fight Willard for the world championship in Buenos Aires.

JUNIOR INDOOR TENNIS.

National Event Opens Monday in New York With Good Field.

NEW YORK, December 25.—Drawings were announced today for the first National Junior Indoor Lawn Tennis championships of the United States, which will be played here beginning Monday. Sixty college freshmen and schoolboys including many of the best young players in the east are in the list of entrants. Prominent among them are H. P. Guiler of Columbia, Robert C. Rand of Harvard, James Welsh, captain of the Andover team, C. Forbes Sargent and Edward L. Hopkins of Yale, and J. Hampton Robb and R. M. Sedgewick of Groton. Hopkins, who is regarded as one of the best of the Yale men, is in the top half of the draw, while Rand, leader of the Harvard contingent, is in the lower division. L. Maxwell Banks of Adelphi Academy, who was runner-up in the junior matches for the metropolitan title last season, is considered one of the stronger players among the entrants.

The draw for the doubles will be held Monday.

Carter Breaks Course Record.

PINEBURST, N. C., December 25.—Both the professional and amateur records of the No. 3 course were broken Thursday by Philip V. G. Carter's Nassau. His 72 was four strokes better than the previous amateur record. His card: Out..... 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 4—37 In..... 5 4 5 4 4 3 4 4—37 Total..... 74—74

OTHER CLUBS WILL NOT BID FOR MAGEE, SAYS HUSTON

Yankees Practically Certain to Get Star Second Baseman From Sinclair, Owner Asserts.

NEW YORK, December 25.—Base ball will simply have to mark time during the holidays. Nothing will be done in regard to the disposition of Federal League players until after the annual meeting of the national commission in Cincinnati January 3. At this time full details of the recent peace pact and the organization of the Federal League and organized base ball will be announced.

Those magnates of organized base ball who returned yesterday from Cincinnati, including Capt. T. L. Huston of the Yankees, Harry N. Hemphstead of the Giants and Charles H. Ebbets of the Dodgers, were of the opinion that the announcement of the sale of Pitcher Earl Moseley to the Reds was somewhat premature.

"I do not believe any sale has been concluded," said Capt. Huston, "for that one will be consummated until after the commission meeting." The captain intimated that a gentleman's agreement existed which bound the powers of the major leagues to exercise patience until that time.

Capt. Huston is very hopeful of obtaining the services of Lee Magee, former manager and star second baseman of the Brooklyn Tip Tops.

"The New York American League club has been practically assured it will get Magee," said the captain. "Certainly we shall land him if those in control of the consolidated clubs in St. Louis and Chicago do not object. The other fourteen clubs of the two major leagues have agreed not to enter the market for this particular player."

Capt. Huston said further that his trip to Cincinnati proved most successful, as nearly as could be judged at this time. He has every reason to believe that the Yankees will obtain not only Magee, but several other stars as well from the material thrown on the market through the collapse of the outlaw circuit. He did not wish to disclose the names of any of the others.

President Hemphstead of the Giants declared there was absolutely no ground for the assumption that Harry F. Sinclair was in the market for the New York Nationals.

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LESSONS FROM WAR

Magnates and Players Can Profit by Experiences.

Game Is Given Hard Jolt

"Fan" Is, After All, the Big Man and the One Intended to Please.

DETROIT, December 25.—It is to be hoped that both magnates and players will profit by the lessons taught by the base ball war.

The old national game has been rocked to its very foundation and nothing but its sterling qualities as a sport will save it from being abandoned, as it has been on it in the last two years. That it will rally and come back stronger than ever in time is sure, providing the men who control it and who play it get together and nurse it along properly.

Unless the men whose money backs the game and whose money backs the players are able to put their heads together and work out a plan for its future, it is going to the field of play every day, very dense, they will have been convinced by this time that the fan, after all, is the best friend of the game. Without the support of the public the sport has neither financial nor artistic value. All concerned will do well to bear this fact in mind hereafter, and endeavor to produce what the citizen who steps up to the box office demands.

Too Much Money Talk.

Nothing has hurt the game any more than the statements of some of the star players that they were "in the game for the money alone." When it comes right down to a fine point everybody who is working for a living is out for the money, but he is supposed to adhere to certain principles of loyalty and honor that go a little way toward mitigating the basic selfishness.

As a matter of fact, the great majority of ball players love the game and, once the bell rings, go into it in the same spirit that inspires amateurs. It helps rather than hurts a man's ambition to make as much money out of the sport as possible when he throws his whole heart and soul into a contest. Once a contract is signed it is up to every athlete to go out and try to win. The majority will do just that thing.

High-priced teams are not always the best by any manner of means. The Athletics, when they were winning championships, were, in fact, a very cheap club. They were loyal to Connie Mack and his manager, and they devoted more attention to hustling for victory than they did to figuring up how many they were making. With the world series as an inspiration and reward for success, the hustling player always has a chance at something more material than the satisfaction of doing his best.

Tired of Ill-Treatment.

The magnates must realize that the fans are tired of being ill-treated. The task of winning back those who found other amusements while base ball was passing through the war will be a hard one, but many of the "regulars" will return when they see signs that times have changed for the better.

Fulton's Manager Replies.

CHICAGO, December 25.—Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, said, "Probably a dream, when given the New Orleans story that Frank Moran had been substituted for Fulton as Jess Willard's opponent in the fight scheduled for March 4 at New Orleans. We have signed outright articles and posted guarantees," said Collins. "Willard put up \$2,500 and Fulton the same amount and the money is in the hands of Tom Andrews of Milwaukee. I believe there isn't the faintest basis for the story."

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Peripatetic Comment

On Happenings in Sportdom

By J. ED GRILLO.

With C. P. Taft's figures met some time ago, it is not likely there will be any hitch in the sale of the Cubs.

When the peace conference was started it was explained that there was a difference of \$75,000 between Taft and the Weegman interests. The National League agreed to hand over half of this sum if Weegman would make up the other half, and it is understood that this was done, in which event there is hardly a chance for the owner of the Cubs to balk at closing the deal. Of course, it may be that upon finding that his demands were acceded to Taft will boost his figures, believing the time ripe for him to get away with his demands.

But the chances are that, regardless of what action is taken, the deal will be consummated, peace having been established.

There are reasons for believing Taft wants to get rid of the Cubs. To retain the team means that \$300,000 or more must be spent in the next season to make it modern. It now is a frame structure, far behind the times, and Taft may hesitate about going into the game that much deeper, especially since the Cubs, because of the Murphy connection, are not nearly as popular as the White Sox.

Jim Callahan proposes to make Hans Wagner the Pirates' field captain, and a letter to more popular selection could not be made. Leave it to Callahan to do the proper thing for the Pittsburgh fans. He proposes to make Callahan might have won a pennant, for with the start that Rowland got last spring a wiser manager would have husbanded his team strength and plenty left to make a final dash for the flag during the closing weeks of the season.

There will be many disappointments as a result of the Feds going out of business. For instance, many of the jobbers who seemed assured for years to come now are out of employment. Fielder Jones and Joe Tinker are the only ones of the eight who will continue in the major leagues.

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PASSING.

Only in the event that there is no house in Charlottesville which can accommodate the Washington squad next spring is there a chance of any other spot being selected as a Nationals' training place. It is confidently expected that accommodations will be found in due time, and as soon as they are that will eliminate every chance any other city may have had to see the Griffins in action during the training period in the spring.

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and be without base ball for a season. Jack Dunn is of a highly optimistic opinion, and if he has a word to say no program of that sort will be put over. What's more—and there is no third big league. The International may be accorded higher status than the Feds, given to any other organization, barring the National and American leagues, and Taft may hesitate about going into the game that much deeper, especially since the Cubs, because of the Murphy connection, are not nearly as popular as the White Sox.

A soccer match will be played tomorrow between Washington and Washington Steel and Ordnance teams on the grounds of the former club, at 17th and B streets northwest, the ball to be kicked off at 3 o'clock. A large crowd is expected.

How our cherished notions do double-cross us. Here is President Robertson of the defunct Buffalo Federal League club quoted as saying that the recent cent had a lot to do with putting the Buffeds on the bum financially. And yet three or four months ago he was chiding the rest of the Fed magnates in proclaiming that jitney base ball was just the thing to boom the game. Oh, well.

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Target Tips and Hunting Helps

by Alfred P. Lane



This column is open to questions, which should be sent in care of the sporting editor, and to discussions by the readers on anything connected with hunting or target shooting.

Killing Power.

Of the various subjects connected with the sport of shooting, killing power comes in for more acrimonious debate than any other one thing. One hunter claims that such and such a rifle of so and so caliber has killing power enough for any American big game, and another hunter is equally positive that an outfit producing two or three times the muzzle energy is hardly powerful enough.

The reason for all this discussion is because bullets act erratically and the vitality of several animals apparently exactly alike varies to a very great extent. Then, too, the effect of a bullet depends in a large measure upon the vital organs are hit. A shot in the brain is always instantaneous death, regardless of the size or energy of the bullet. This is almost equally true of a shot which hits the spinal cord.

Therefore a bullet from a .22 short will kill a mouse or grizzly, provided it goes through the brain. Shots going through other vital organs are practically always fatal, although they differ from brain shots in that they do not necessarily cause instant death. Effectiveness depends, first, on the individual animal; second, on the exact location of the bullet hole, and third, on its size. At the two extremes, for instance, we might take the .22 rifle and three-inch field artillery gun. The .22 rifle bullet if it goes through a deer's heart will cause death, but the animal may run a long distance before it drops. If the above mentioned three-inch affair hit the deer there wouldn't be any question about the animal being killed instantly, but probably there wouldn't be enough left of the animal to take home.

The point is, in selecting the big game rifle, be careful to avoid the cannon as well as the too-small rifle. Somehow, I seem to have noticed that the more expert a hunter becomes in both his marksmanship and his knowledge of the proper place to put his bullets, the lower the power of the rifle he uses.

E. C. K.

Please give me the recoil of the carbine (model '94 2.3 to 3 magazine), .32 special chd. 25-35, as compared with the 35-55, .34 model lightweight. I have used the 35-55 three seasons and wish a shorter barrel rifle with more power.

Ans. With the .32 special, the free recoil is 7 1/2 foot pounds. With the 35-55 the recoil is about 12 foot pounds. The 35-55 high velocity cartridge gives about 10 foot pounds.

With the 35-55, the directions of using a watch to tell where north is? An old hunter showed me several years ago that I do not remember how to do it now.

Ans. The method of telling which direction north is by means of a watch is not a very useful proceeding. If a man's watch is running approximately on time, and if he will simply remember that the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, and that at 12 o'clock noon it is due south, he can come very close to guessing as to the direction of his watch, about where north is. Of course, in using a watch there is no correction for latitude, so that the use of a watch is not correct anyway. However, one way of doing it is to hold the watch with the dial parallel to the earth and point it so that the hour hand is midway between the hour hand and 12 o'clock, always using the largest angle between 12 o'clock and the hour, and 12 o'clock will point north; thus, at 6 o'clock in the morning, the number 2 will be pointed at the sun, and north would be at 12 o'clock; at 10 o'clock in the morning the number 5 would be pointed at the sun, and 12 o'clock would still be north. At noon, the number 6 would be pointed at the sun, and 12 o'clock would naturally be north, and so on through the afternoon until at 6 o'clock at night the figure 9 would be pointed at the sun.

D. S.

What is the range of the .22 long rifle?

Ans. The accurate range is 100 to 200 yards.

What is the killing range?

Ans. On small game such as squirrels, rabbits, etc., about 150 yards.

Will the .22 long rifle kill fox at 50 yards?

Ans. Yes.

I have a 12-gauge shotgun and should like to saw it off. It has 32-inch barrels. About how much would you saw off?

Ans. If your gun is full choke and you wish to preserve its close shooting

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